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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PROCEDURE-RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In re Application of:

Yoshiki NAKAGAWA et al.

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For: BLOCK COPOLYMER

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents Box AF

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 10, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

33. (Amended) A process for producing an AB block copolymer, an ABA block copolymer or a mutiblock copolymer

which comprises adding an alkenyl-containing polymer (I) to a living radical polymerization system or a living cationic polymerization system.

34. (Amended) The process according to Claim 33, wherein the alkenyl group in said polymer (I) is represented by the general formula 1:

$$H_2C=C(R^1)$$
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